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R. W. WILLIAMS APPOINTED ASSISTANT GAME OFFICER

Biological Survey Deputy, Former
Solicitor of the Department,
Returns to Washington

Robert W. Williams, Deputy Game Conservation Officer of the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been appointed Assistant United States Game Conservation Officer to fill the vacancy in the Division of Game and Bird Conservation caused by the transfer last March, of Talbott Denmead to the Bureau of Fisheries, Department of Commerce, it was announced to-day. The appointment became effective to-day (July 10.)

For 30 years Mr. Williams has been actively interested in game conservation and in legislation for the protection of wild life. From 1902 to 1907 he served the Biological Survey in the Washington office as game-law assistant and was author of an important bulletin of the Bureau on "Game Commissioners and Wardens--Their Appointment, Powers, and Duties," and of a bureau circular on "Game Protection in Florida." In addition he prepared an article for the 1907 Yearbook of Agriculture on "The Game Warden of To-day," and was co-author of all the annual game-law bulletins of the Department of Agriculture published from 1903 to 1906.

Since his graduation from the Northern Indiana Law School, at Valparaiso, Ind., Mr. Williams has had legal experience both in private practice and in the department. In 1902 he was admitted to practice before the United States

Supreme Court. From 1907 to 1929 he was connected with the Office of the Solicitor of the Department of Agriculture as attorney and assistant solicitor; and was Solicitor from April 1, 1920, to October 7, 1929. He has assisted in drafting many of the wild-life conservation laws passed by Congress,

Legal work and interest and experience in game conservation both in Washington and in the field have combined to qualify Mr. Williams for the new position, says W. C. Henderson, acting chief of the bureau. Since 1929, as deputy game conservation officer of the survey, with headquarters in Tallahassee, Fla., Mr. Williams has supervised the bird reservations in the Southeastern States, has assisted Federal game protectors in that section in enforcing the migratory-bird treaty-act regulations, and has cooperated with State officials and wild-life organizations in conservation programs.

An ornithologist and a conservationist, Mr. Williams has been interested in activities additional to official duties. He was elected an associate member of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1900, and in 1918 was honored by being advanced to full membership. Mr. Williams is also a member of the Washington Biologists Field Club, the Baird Ornithological Club, Cooper Ornithological Club, and the Wilson Ornithological Club. As a writer on birds and animals, he has been a contributor to ornithological and wild-life conservation periodicals.